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QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM AND AB 939 COMPLIANCE—SB 1066 TIME EXTENSION

This is the first status report that combines the updates on the Solid Waste Collection System Recommendations and the AB 939 Compliance—SB 1066 Time Extension. Both updates have been combined since the implementation of the recommendations are a critical element to complying with the Time Extension and mathematically demonstrating achievement of the 50 percent waste reduction mandate of State law. This report covers the period between November 1, 2002, and January 31, 2003. The Time Extension provides for the County to implement a Construction and Demolition Ordinance; gradually establish franchises and/or garbage disposal districts, including automated trash collection systems; and implement measures to improve the accuracy of disposal tonnages at the Puente Hills and Sunshine Canyon Landfills through the Conditional Use Permit process.

- ! Public Works, in concert with Supervisorial District 2 and County Counsel, continues to work towards providing enhanced waste collection services in the newly formed Lennox Garbage Disposal District. On November 21, the Local Agency Formation Commission submitted the appropriate application and documentation to the State Board of Equalization to complete the District's formation which enables it to begin providing services by July 2003.

Public Works continues its coordination with the Lennox Coordinating Council and Supervisorial District 2 to ensure that the proposed scope of work for the services take into account the needs and desires of the community. These consultations will continue through the contracting process and the implementation phase. We are currently finalizing a request for proposals for the service contract. Subsequently, we will come before your Board to initiate the Proposition 218 process for setting the assessment fees and subsequent contract award.

- ! Public Works, in concert with Health Services and County Counsel, continues to meet periodically with the waste-hauling industry working group to develop a model franchise agreement. After several revisions, a number of legal concerns and outstanding key provisions of mutual concern, including customer service and AB 939 compliance, have been resolved. It is anticipated that the agreement will be finalized in early March 2003. Once the preparation of the model agreement is completed, the proposed update to the County Code will be submitted to your Board for consideration.
 - ! Public Works, in concert with County Counsel, continues to develop and implement a Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Ordinance, which would require construction and demolition projects to recycle 50 percent of their construction and demolition debris. A workshop is planned to provide stakeholders the opportunity to submit their comments.
 - ! On December 18, 2002, Regional Planning approved the new CUP for the Puente Hills Landfill. The CUP, which would allow the Landfill to receive up to 13,200 tons of solid waste per day through 2013, contains measures to improve disposal accuracy. Most of the unincorporated areas waste is taken to the Landfill.
- A new CUP for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill is currently under consideration by Regional Planning. Public Works is working with Regional Planning, County Counsel, the Chief Administrative Office, and other County departments to finalize draft conditions for the Regional Planning Commission's consideration. The CUP would allow the landfill operator to run the portions of the Landfill in the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles as a single (combined) operation.
- ! In late 2002, the CIWMB released draft regulations to address the deficiencies of the State's Disposal Reporting System. These deficiencies were first identified by the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force and concurred by your Board on July 27, 1999. Public Works, in coordination with the Task Force, reviewed the regulations and submitted comments to the CIWMB on January 2.

We will submit our next status report in May 2003. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Don Wolfe at (626) 458-4014, or Mike Mohajer, Assistant Deputy Director, at (626) 458-3500.

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